

**Talking Points**  
**United Chair Announcement**  
**11 a.m, Thursday, February 26, 2009**  
**Jackson**

- Good morning. Thank you all for being here today.

(Recognize other officials – Lt. Gov. Bryant, Sen. Jack Gordon, Rep. Jim Beckett; Chris Richardson from Senator Cochran’s office. Will let Governor know if anyone is attending from Senator Wicker’s staff.)

- This morning, officials from Haworth (pronounced “HAY-worth”) have announced the company will be expanding its operations at the United Chair facility in Bruce, Miss.
- Haworth, Inc. is a global leader in the design and manufacture of office furniture and organic workspaces. United Chair is a division of Haworth.
- The United Chair facility in Bruce produces office chairs and currently employs approximately 180 people. This expansion will create 125 new jobs in the Calhoun County area.
- These new jobs are the result of a consolidation in Haworth’s North American operations. Haworth will be transferring one of the divisions that is currently in Holland, Mich., their office chair manufacturing operations, to the Bruce facility.
- In order to assist with this transition, the Mississippi Development Authority is providing \$500,000 to assist with infrastructure improvements and to help defray the cost of relocating equipment from Michigan.
- The Appalachian Regional Commission will also provide approximately \$219,000 and the City of Bruce and Calhoun County have committed a total of \$115,000 for public infrastructure needs affecting the facility.
- While we understand this consolidation comes as a difficult decision for officials at Haworth, I want to thank you all for your confidence in our workforce and commitment to doing business in Mississippi. You are a valued corporate citizen here.
- I also want to thank Gray Swoope and his staff at the Mississippi Development Authority, and local officials in Bruce and Calhoun County for their hard work on

this project. Thank you to each of you for working to retain jobs and support our existing industries, especially during these challenging economic times.